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William Roscoe was born in Liverpool on 8 March, 1785. His monument in Renshaw Street Chapel describes him as "Historian, Poet, Patriot and Christian Philanthropist."

Park Lane Chapel.

The following notes on the history of this society, now in the third century of its existence, will be found on the first page of its baptismal register, No. ii :

The Presbyterian Chapel, in Park Lane, Ashton-in-Makerfield, in the Parish of Winwick, and co. pal. of Lancaster, was compleated in the year 1697; in the latter part of the reign of King William, of immortal memory. It was built on land previously purchased by the remainder, and the descendants of those Presbyterians, who

suffered so severely by the black Bartholemew Act, in 1662, under the reign of profligate Charles II.

The first Minister of Park Lane Chapel was the Rev. Thomas Blinston, who after having preached for several years in licensed houses in the Neighbourhood was chosen to officiate as minister in the new edifice, A.D. 1797, which office he held till his death in the year 1721; after which event the place was supplied by various ministers for the space of six years, till in 1727

The Rev. John Brownlow was chosen minister and officiated for the long period of 59 years, becoming incapacitated by age he resigned in 1786, and died April 19th, 1788, in the 85th year of his age. In 1786

The Rev. Hezekiah Kirkpatrick succeeded him. In his time things were unfavourable to the Dissenters, of whose tenets he was a warm and able defender. He was Minister for 13 years, and died September 19th, 1799, in the 61st year of his age. In 1800

The Rev. Thos. Broadbent was chosen minister. In his time the following events relative to the chapel took place—In 1801 a new bell was cast in Wigan, and put up in the place of the old

one, which had hung at the chapel from nearly the time of its being built; in 1804 the yard was enlarged, levelled, and enclosed with a new stone wall; in 1806 all the old windows were taken out and new ones put in. The expense attending these things amounted to upwards of £100, and was defrayed by the voluntary subscriptions of the minister's congregation.

The register from which this extract is taken is a volume 6½in. broad, 7¾in. tall, and bound in vellum; it covers the period 1800 to 1830 for baptisms, and 1800 to 1821 for burials.

Register No. i. consists of two sheets (unbound) of printed and stamped baptismal forms, in all 25 entries from 10 April, 1786, to 20 Oct., 1792.

Register No. iii. contains baptismal entries from 3 Aug., 1823 to 3 Feb., 1837; and burials from 14 Aug. 1823 to 31 May, 1837.

These three registers were seen by the editor in Somerset House, W.C., in January, 1899. Those who may not already know it, are recommended to read the fascinating "History of Park Lane Chapel," by its former minister, the Rev. George Fox, which he wrote for its bi-centenary in 1897.

It will be noticed that Mr. Broadbent takes no account of the ministries of Timothy Gardner (*called Jan. 1722*)—$172^{4}/_{5}$, and Samuel Park, 1724-1727, which occupy the period between the death of Blinston and the election of Brownlow: see *Record of Provincial Assembly*, 1896, p. 149.

Manchester, Cross Street Chapel Registers.

The following particulars of the first register were taken by the editor, during a recent inspection of the five volumes A.D. 1712—1840, stored, with other non-parochial registers, in London—The earliest of the records is that kept by Rev. Joseph Mottershead, from 7 Sep$^{t.}$ 1712 to 24 Sep$^{t.}$ 1771 the date of his last baptism, *when sick I was and at home.*—He died 4 Nov. 1771. It is headed A | COMMON PLACE | BOOKE | *In Mr. Locke's* | *Method* | *J.M.* | *May 31st 1706, 1* | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | . This precious little volume is 6 in. tall, 4 in. broad and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick. In addition to some hundreds of baptismal entries, it also contains *A Catalogue of ye persons I have admitted to ye Lord's Supper*, beginning with his

Nantwich ministry, Jan. 1712; and numerous receipts for various bodily ailments, as well as:—

The weight of my plate J.M. 1756.

Tankard - - - -	*oz.*	*28*
Coffee pot - - - -		*21*
Tea pot - - - -		*17*
Cup, soops and punch ladle -		*16*
Dish - - - - -		*15½*
11 Meat spoons - - -		*20½*
3 Castors - - - -		*14½*
2 Salts, 16 teaspoons, boat & tongs		*13½*
	ounces	*146*

Included also is a list of:—

Pews or Seats in Thornton Church, assigned by the proper Officers for Hapsford, after it was new pew'd. 1745.

John Broadhurst, for ye Hall	*No.*	*45*
Mr. Barnston's other estate	*„*	*38*
J. Mottershead - - -	*„*	*54*
Joseph Dutton - - -	*„*	*55*
Mr. Smith for Amorys -	*„*	*34*
Hemingtons - - -	*„*	*8*
Mrs. Smith for Lands -	*„*	*29*
Joseph Acherly - -	*„*	*3*

Rd. Mr. Harrison, one seal „ *11*
John Cooper - - - „ *62*

His baptisms at Manchester begin Jan. 1717, and his list of communicants 2 March, 1718. At the end of the book are 6 pages of entries and this note:—*There are bound up at the end of this book a few leaves, evidently not in Mr. Mottershead's handwriting, but being intermediate dates* [9 Sep^t. 1755—29 March 1767 Ed.] *I am of opinion are baptisms performed by his colleague Mr. Seddon. Samuel Alcock, Chapel Warden, Jan. 12^th 1837.*

Sir Thomas Baker in his 'Memorials of a Dissenting Chapel,' 1884, p. 27, alludes to a copy of this register.

The words of one of our Manchester readers deserve consideration:—*The Cross Street registers would be worth printing, particularly with annotations. I'm sure . . . there would be no difficulty in the matter of subscribers. So many notable families and individuals have been connected with our 'Cathedral.' . . . . Who will earn immortality by doing it?*

[To carefully transcribe the five registers would probably take some four weeks of continuous copying and deciphering. I intend completing my transcripts before long.—Ed.]

Biographical Notes.

Joseph Booth, minister High Street Chapel, Stockport, 1761-1794.

His two baptismal registers, 13 in. tall, 4 in. broad and still in their original vellum bindings, covering the period from 29 June 1761, to 12 Feb. 1792, contain numerous entries respecting him and his family. Joseph Booth, was minister here until his death, which is thus recorded at the beginning of register No. iii:—*The Rev. Joseph Booth of Stockport Died Dec. 5 and was buried Dec. 8 1794 at the Old Chapel in the Hillgate.* His wife's name was Mary: they had issue, Elizabeth b. 11 Nov. 1764; William b. 23 Sept. 1766, B. by "Rev. Mr. Higginson"; Anne b. 16 Jan. 1769; Joseph b. 10 March 1771; Baguley b. 21 Sept. 1772; and Mary b. 3 Aug. 1775; all but William, were baptised by "Rev. George Booth, of Tingwistle."

General Baptist Academy.

List of Students, continued from p. 28.

WILLIAM THOMAS, Sep.—Dec. 1801.—Ill health prevented him from finishing his career. died early.

DAVID THOMAS, 1801—1803.—Died before 1819.

JOHN BAKER, 1802—1804.—Min. Chatham 8 June 1806—30 Oct., 1808, but gone by 1815 when John Cundill was elected.

GEORGE SMALLFIELD, 1804—1806.—Preached the G.B. Assembly sermon 1810; many years printer of *Monthly Repository, and Christian Reformer.* Accidently killed 12 July, 1849, æt. 65.

GEORGE CULMER POUND, 1807—1809.—B. 1786, in Dover; min. Dover 1809—1841, (assistant to Benjamin Marten 1809—1823) Dover, *without charge* 1841—1866; m. Amy, (d. 1866) dau. of Mr. John Igglesden; issue, Geo. Igglesden; Douglas Kingsford; Eliza Hallands (m. Edm. Rodgers of Birmingham); d. 14 July 1866, bur. Hougham Churchyard.

[So far I fail to fill this gap, that there were students is probably certain; see end of list.—Ed.]

THOMAS LETTER TAYLOR, 1814—1816.—Min. Billingshurst 1818—1820. d. 6 Sept. 1820, æt. 26.

JOHN THOMAS, 1815—1816.—Ill health prevented him from finishing his career; preached occasionally at Llanelly, and Llangidairn. d. of a consumption 1819.

WILLIAM KITE, 1816—1818.—Min. Ditchling 1821; schools at Hurst Green 1836—; Rolvenden, here he occasionally preached; Dover, *without charge;* on 15 April 1856, was chairman of annual meeting here of G.B. Churches of Co. of Kent.

CHARLES PORTEOUS VALENTINE, 1816—1818.—b. 13 May 1794, at Essendon, Herts; assistant teacher in Dr. Evans' school; min. Palgrave (now Diss) 1818—1825, Lewes 1828—1840; farmer. d. 1 Jan. 1861, at Essendon.

W[ILLIAM] BROWN, 1818—1820.

EDWIN CHAPMAN, 1818—1821.—b. 1 Dec. 1798, at Sturry, Kent; min. Billingshurst 1821—1823, Chatham 1823, Deptford 1823—1832, London, Stamford Street 1832—1834, Stoke Newington Green 1836—1838, Godalming 1841—1846, Bristol, *without charge* 1846—1875. d. 1 March, 1875.

Under Rev. James Gilchrist,
Christmas 1818 to June 1827.

JAMES TAPLIN, 1819—1821.—b. 12 Dec. 1799, at Portsea, Hants; min. Southover, nr. Lewes 1822—1823, Battle 1823—1831, Honiton 1831—1840, Colyton 1834—1846, Jersey 1847—1851, Tavistock 1851—1858, Crediton 1859—1870, Warminster 1859—1860, Kingswood, Worc. 1870—1882, m. and left issue. d. 19 Dec. 1882, bur. Kingswood Chapel-yd.

To be continued.

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